



Grant Applicant User Guide - Pre Proposal

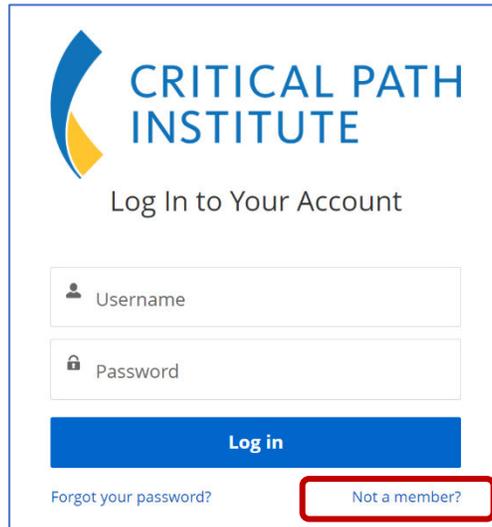
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Creating Your Account

If this is your first time applying to Critical Path Institute's® Translational Therapeutics Accelerator (TRxA), click [here](#) to initiate account set-up in the grants portal. You will be presented with the following. Click on "Not a member." If you have applied to TRxA previously, use the same link and your existing user name and password.



The image shows the login page for the Critical Path Institute. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a blue and yellow curved shape next to the text "CRITICAL PATH INSTITUTE". Below the logo is the heading "Log In to Your Account". There are two input fields: "Username" with a person icon and "Password" with a lock icon. Below these is a blue "Log in" button. At the bottom, there are two links: "Forgot your password?" and "Not a member?". The "Not a member?" link is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

As a first step, please complete the following to create an account in our grant portal.

Contact Information

* First Name: Michelle
* Last Name: Morgan
* Email: mmorgan+3@c-path.org

Organization Information

* Name of Institution: Academic University

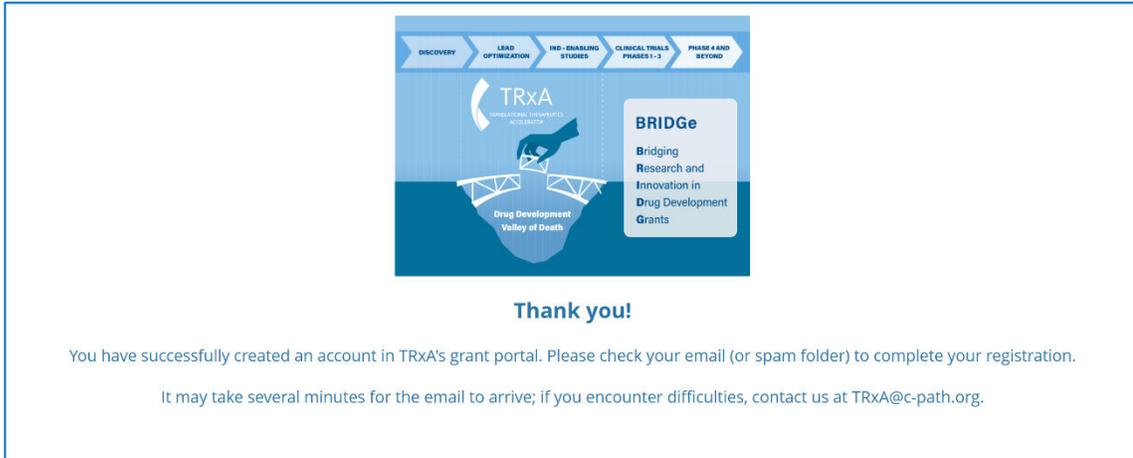
Address

Street: 123 Main Street

City: Tucson
State/Province: AZ
Zip/Postal Code: 85718
Country: US

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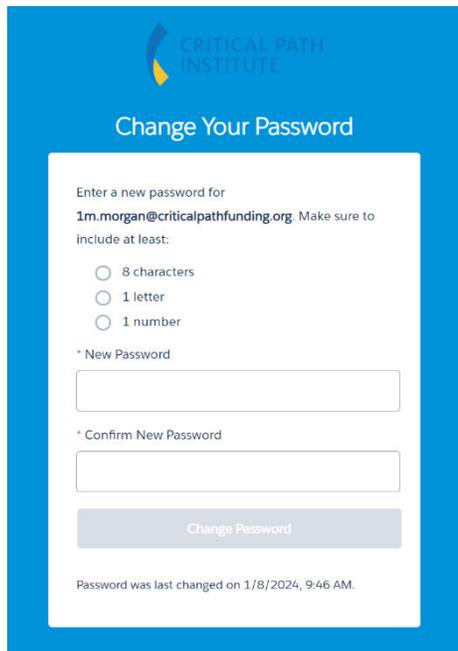
You will be presented with the following screen advising you to check your email for details on completing creation of your account. It may take several minutes for the email to arrive in your inbox. If you do not receive an email, contact us at TRxA@c-path.org.



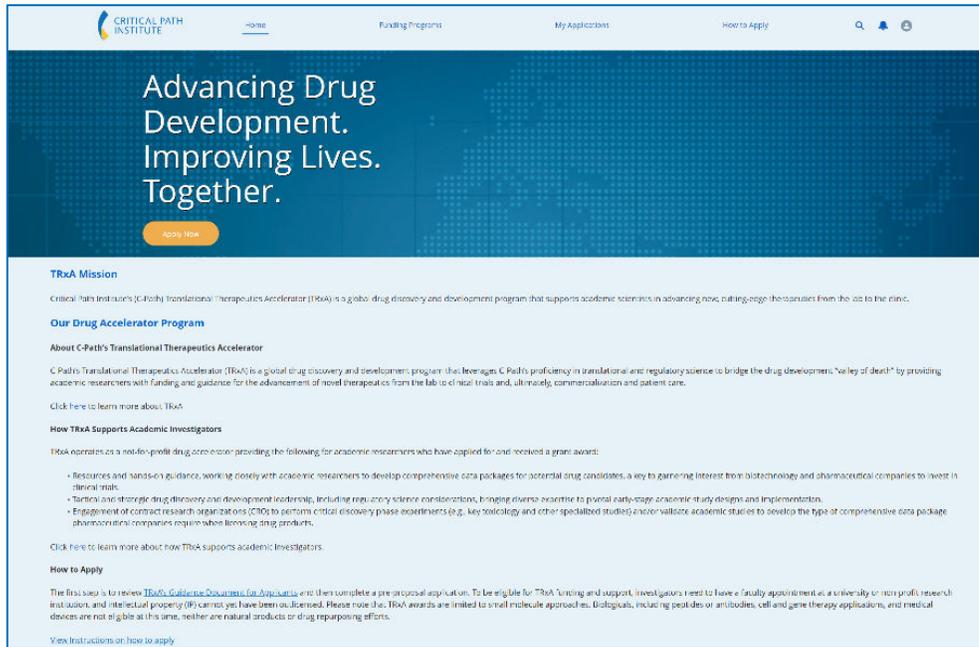
When the email arrives, click on the link provided to establish your password. Your username is provided in the email.



After clicking on the link in the email, you will be presented with the following screen enabling you establish your password:



Once your password has been successfully established, you will be directed to the portal home page:

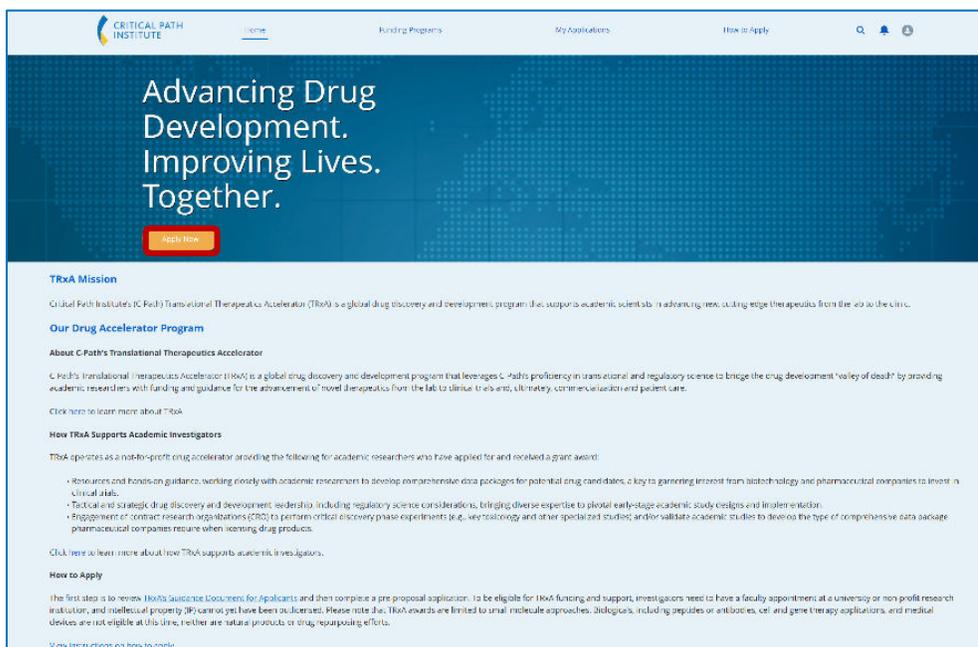


Logging In and Out of the Portal

To log back into the portal at any time go to <https://criticalpathinstitute.my.site.com/fundingprograms>

Starting your Pre-proposal Application

From the portal home page, click “Apply Now”:



From the options presented, select which therapeutic area you would like to apply for:

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Funding Programs

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	Funding Program Name ↑	Start Date
1	Gene Therapies 2026	1/14/2026
2	Protein-Based Therapeutics 2026	1/14/2026
3	Small Molecules 2026	1/14/2026

After reviewing all the information related to 2026 BRIDGe awards and funding tracks scroll down and click “Apply now” at the bottom of the screen.

Critical Path Institute's (C-Path) Translational Therapeutics Accelerator (TRxA) is proud to announce the 2026 global Request for Proposals for its Bridging Research and Innovation in Drug Development Grants (BRIDGe). These BRIDGe awards are designed to support academic researchers in traversing the drug development valley of death by funding and defining optimal strategies for advancing new, cutting-edge therapeutics from the lab to patients.

As a nonprofit drug accelerator, TRxA offers selected BRIDGe awardees a comprehensive suite of resources, including:

- **Funding** to advance drug development initiatives
- **Tactical and strategic expertise** in drug discovery and development, including regulatory science considerations
- **Resources and hands-on guidance**, collaborating closely with academic researchers to develop comprehensive data packages for potential drug candidates, a key to garnering interest from biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies to invest in clinical trials.

Eligibility Criteria

To apply for BRIDGe awards, applicants must be faculty members at a university or non-profit research institution, anywhere in the world. Intellectual property (IP) associated with the project cannot yet be out licensed.

Eligible platforms include **small molecules, protein-based therapeutics, and *in vivo* gene-based therapies**.

For this RFP there are two funding tracks. Both tracks benefit from TRxA's integrated accelerator model, which combines financial support with strategic and operational guidance from experts across C-Path's global network of consortia and collaborators.

PKD Foundation Track: C-Path is proud to collaborate with the PKD Foundation to expand funding opportunities through a dedicated application track that addresses scientific priorities in polycystic kidney disease (PKD). This track provides dedicated funding and access to specialized expertise relevant to PKD, enabling investigators to advance promising candidates toward clinical readiness. Learn more about the PKD Foundation [here](#).

C-Path Track: This track is open to proposals across a broad range of therapeutic areas. For the 2026 RFP, applications will be accepted for projects in the following focus areas:

- Brain health
- Pediatrics
- Rare and orphan diseases

After clicking on "Apply Now" at the bottom of this screen, you will be prompted to select which funding track you are pursuing.

Deadlines

Pre-proposal applications must be submitted by **Monday, March 16, 2026** by midnight in the time zone you are located.

Need Additional Information?

Applicants are encouraged to review the [Guidance Document for Applicants](#) (which includes links to a sample proposal) as well as the [FAQ](#) section of TRxA's website.

During the application process, the TRxA team is available via email at TRxA@c-path.org to answer any questions about requirements or the award process.

Apply now

The portal will present an eligibility quiz. Click on the radio buttons to answer ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to each question. When finished, click the “Check Eligibility button” on the lower right portion of the screen.

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Determine Eligibility

Thank you for your interest in TRxA's BRIDGe awards.
To confirm your and your project's eligibility, please answer the following questions:

- Is the Primary Investigator a faculty member at a university or scientist at a non-profit research institution?
 Yes
 No
- Is the primary indication of the therapeutic agent for one of the following: Polycystic Kidney Disease, Pediatrics, Rare and Orphan Diseases, and/or Brain Health?
 Yes
 No
- Is the project focused on ex vivo gene editing, does it make use of a replication competent viral vector, exosome delivery vehicle or does it target gene modification in a germline cell?
 YES
 No
- Has the therapeutic molecule demonstrated in vivo target engagement or efficacy in a pharmacodynamic model?
 Yes
 No
- Has the project's intellectual property been optioned or licensed to any commercial entity, including pharmaceutical, biotechnology, or newco-in-formation companies?
 Yes
 No

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You are eligible to apply!

Thank you for completing our eligibility quiz.
Based on your responses, you are eligible to apply for a BRIDGe award.
Click **Next** to continue to the application form.

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If you are eligible to apply for an award, you will be directed to the pre-proposal application where you will be asked to select which application track you would like to apply for. Select the track and click next.

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Small Molecules: Pre-Proposal Application

Select your application track.

- Application Track
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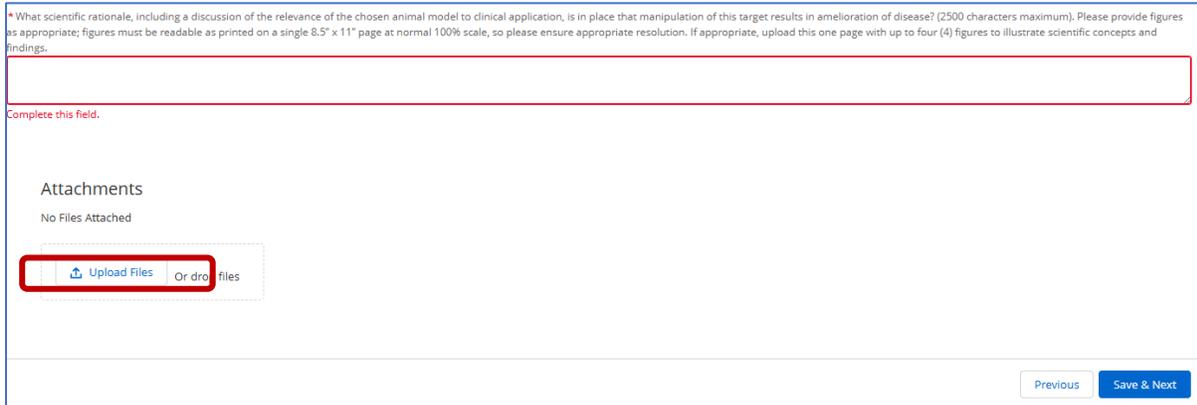
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You will then be directed to review the pre-proposal application. After reviewing the instructions and helpful tips, populate fields on the application. Fields with a red asterisk are required. Please note that character limits are noted where applicable and will be enforced during the review process.

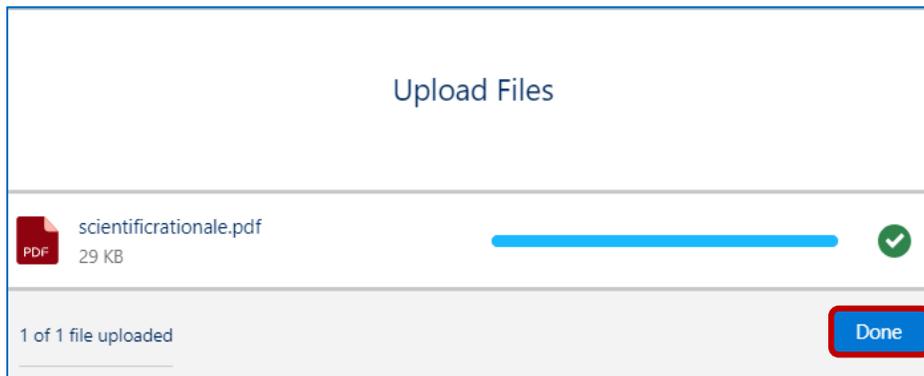


Including the Optional Attachment

For the project plan section of the application, figures may be included as an optional one-page attachment and do not count toward character limits. If you would like to provide an attachment, use the “Upload Files” or “Drop Files” options.



When you have successfully included an attachment, you will see the following message. Click “Done” to resume work on the application.



Submitting and Printing Your Pre-proposal Application

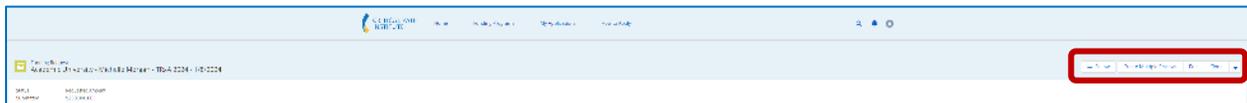
Once all required content has been entered in the application, click the “Submit” button located in the lower right corner of the screen.



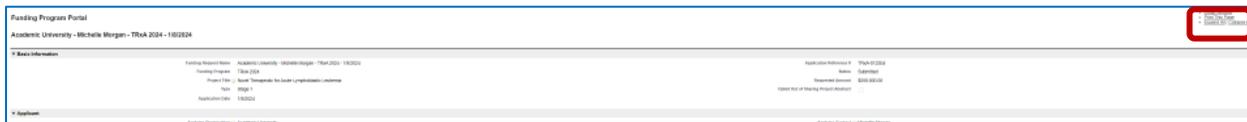
If your submission was successful, the following message will display. You can view your submitted application by clicking on the link provided.



If you would like to print your application, open it by using the link in the submission notification (see illustration above) or by returning to your home page and clicking on My Applications. Select the down arrow in the upper corner of the screen and select “Printable View.”



From the Printable View screen, click “Print this Page” in the upper right corner:



You can return to your submitted application at anytime by logging into the portal and selecting “My Applications” at the top of the screen, then click on “Submitted Applications.”



*If you encounter any difficulties with the portal,
please email TRxA at TRxA@c-path.org*
